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**DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ELECTRO-PNEUMATIC LATCHING VALVE SYSTEM

the specification of which attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Number	Serial	Filing Date	Legal Status	Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit of United States priority under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial Number	Filing Date	Legal Status

I hereby claim the benefit of United States priority under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial Number	Filing Date	Legal Status
60 / 449,710	February 24, 2003	Pending
60 / 450,422	February 26, 2003	Pending
60 / 466,820	April 30, 2003	Pending

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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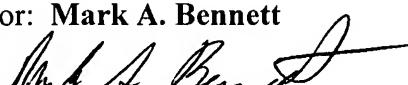
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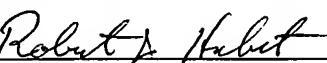
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